

## **STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 19**

### *DHS Spends \$31 Million to Upgrade Two Border Crossing Stations that See Less Than 22 Cars a Day*

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is spending \$31 million in “stimulus” funds to upgrade two border crossing stations in Scobey and Whitetail, Montana. CNN reported that these two stations, which are 13 miles apart, were not in need of renovations and see less than 22 cars a day.
- A local farmer in Scobey told CNN that about 20 cars use the crossing a day and that number drops to almost zero in the winter. In Whitetail, the Bureau of Transportation’s statistics showed that, on average, two people use the crossing a day and that the buildings were in good shape.
- And while DHS and the Democrats’ stimulus spends \$31 million on two border stations that see less than 30 cars a day, they ignore southern border stations with much higher traffic. For instance, the border crossing station in Laredo, Texas sees over 66,000 cars a day, yet they are not slated to receive one penny of the \$400 million in total stimulus border money.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, taxpayer funds would not be used to upgrade crossing stations that see less than 22 cars a day. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit: <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
- **Sources:**  
<http://www.cnn.com/2009/US/09/17/border.security/index.html#cnmSTCText>

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